

The Bearded Collie Club of Scotland

Judges List Criteria (reviewed 2025)

This list is owned and maintained by the Judges Sub-committee of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland who reserve the right to decline applications to be added to any of the judging lists, or to remove any judge from the list considered to be in breach of this criteria and of the Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for Judges.

1. POLICY STATEMENT ON JUDGES – A List

- 1.1 No one on the A list of the Bearded Collie club of Scotland should award Challenge Certificates in the breed any more frequently than once every 18 months (Breed Specialists) and once every two years (Non-Specialists). Any person who infringes this policy will automatically be dropped from the relevant list and notified accordingly.
- 1.2 A precondition of accepting a Bearded Collie Club of Scotland Championship Show appointment is that successful nominees do not judge the breed at any level in Scotland and anywhere else in the UK at Championship Show Level for 24 months prior to the appointment.
- 1.3 No one can be accepted to judge a Bearded Collie Club of Scotland Championship Show until they have previously awarded CCs and are on the Club's A1 list.
- 1.4 Anyone having judged a Bearded Collie Club of Scotland Championship Show will not be eligible to accept a Club Championship appointment for a period of 7 years.

2. POLICY STATEMENT ON JUDGES – B List

- 2.1 A precondition of accepting a Club Open Show appointment is that successful nominees do not judge Bearded Collies at Breed Club shows in Scotland for 18 months prior to the appointment, and General Open shows and Championship Shows in Scotland for 12 months prior to the appointment.
- 2.2 Anyone on the B list who judges Bearded Collie classes any more frequently than once every 12 months in Scotland will automatically be removed from the judging list and notified accordingly.

3. POLICY STATEMENT ON JUDGES – C List

- 3.1 Anyone on the C list who judges Bearded Collie classes any more frequently than once every 6 months in Scotland will automatically be removed from the judging list and notified accordingly. Judges should be mindful at all times of having a good geographical spread if appointments are within 12 months, i.e. in excess of 100 miles.

4. DEFINITIONS & REQUIREMENTS – A LIST

4.1 A1 List

For persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award Challenge Certificates in the breed, have previously awarded CCs, and have the support of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland. **(K.C. Policy)**

4.2 A2 List

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 List and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List and have the support of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland. **(K.C. Policy)**

4.3 A3 List

For persons who, in the opinion of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland, are fully competent to award challenge certificates in the breed but have not yet been approved by the Kennel Club.

4.4 Breed Specialists: (Applicants must fulfil all requirements.)

- 4.4.1 To have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in the Breed and have the Support of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland. **(K.C. Policy)**
- 4.4.2 To have judged at least one Breed Club Open Show and/or Breed Club Supported Entry Show.
- 4.4.3 To have judged the Breed in at least 10 Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs with an adequate geographical spread.
- 4.4.4 To have judged (i.e. physically examined) a minimum of 120 dogs.
NB Stakes and/or groups at any shows will not count towards this total and only one seminar at which the candidate was assessed in accordance with K.C. procedures can be counted.
- 4.4.5 To have owned and consistently handled Bearded Collies for at least 10 years.
- 4.4.6 To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances). **(K.C. Policy)**
- 4.4.7 To have attended a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on Kennel club Regulations and Judging Procedures. **(K.C. Policy as of 1.7.2001)**
- 4.4.8 To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement. **(K.C. policy as of 1.7.2001)**
- 4.4.9 To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for the Running of a Breed Seminar & Judging Competence Assessment and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. **(K.C. Policy as of 1.7.2001)**
- 4.4.10 To have stewarded over a minimum of 12 days at shows (Open or Championship shows only) **(K.C. Policy)**
- 4.4.11 To have attended a Points of the Dog Assessment conducted by a Kennel club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment. **(K.C. Policy as of 1.7.2005)**

4.5 Non-Specialists: (Applicants must fulfil all requirements)

- 4.5.1 To have a minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one Breed (to include 5 years in this Breed) and have the support of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland. **(K.C. Policy)**
- 4.5.2 To have judged at least one Bearded Collie Breed Club Show. However, in cases where the applicant has not fulfilled this requirement, if the applicant has judged (handled) 300 Bearded Collies and in excess of 3000 dogs of all breeds, the applicant may be admitted to the list.
- 4.5.3 To have judged the Breed in at least 10 Open Shows or Championship Shows without CCs with an adequate geographical spread.
- 4.5.4 To have judged (i.e. physically examined) a minimum of 120 Bearded Collies and 100 dogs of another single Breed. **(K.C. Policy)**
NB Stakes and/or groups at any shows will not count towards this total and only one seminar at which the candidate was assessed in accordance with K.C. procedures can be counted.
- 4.5.5 To have awarded CCs in at least one other Breed. **(K.C. Policy)**
- 4.5.6 To have bred or owned a minimum of 3 dogs of any breed when they obtained their first entry into the Kennel Club Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances).
- 4.5.7 To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on Kennel club Regulations and Judging Procedures.
- 4.5.8 To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement.
- 4.5.9 To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for the Running of a Breed Seminar & Judging Competence Assessment and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.
- 4.5.10 To have stewarded for a minimum period of 3 years and at 12 Shows.
- 4.5.11 To have attended a Points of the Dog Assessment conducted by a Kennel club Accredited Trainer and passed the assessment.

5. DEFINITIONS & REQUIREMENTS – B LIST

5.1. BREED SPECIALISTS

To be considered for a Bearded Collie Club of Scotland Open Show nominees must fulfil the following requirements.

- 5.1.1 Meet the criteria for JEP Level 1 as laid out by the Kennel Club:-
 - Minimum of 5 years proven interest in pedigree dogs
 - Attend a “Requirement of a Dog Show Judge” seminar and pass associated exam (either in person or online via Kennel Club Academy)
 - Attend a “Conformation & Movement” seminar hosted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer
 - Complete a minimum of 2 full-day stewarding appointments
 - Pass the Points of a Dog assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer
- 5.1.2 To have 5 years experience owning and exhibiting the Breed and have the support of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland.

- 5.1.3 To have judged a minimum of 15 Bearded Collie classes at open shows or Championship shows without CCs.
NB Stakes and/or groups at any shows will not count towards this total and only one seminar at which the candidate was assessed in accordance with K.C. procedures can be counted.
- 5.1.4 To have judged a minimum of 40 Bearded Collies in breed classes. Dogs can only be counted from one seminar attended.
- 5.1.5 To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.

5.2 NON-SPECIALISTS

To be considered for a Bearded Collie Club of Scotland Open Show nominees must fulfil the following requirements.

- 5.2.1 Meet the criteria for JEP Level 1 as laid out by the Kennel Club:-
 - Minimum of 5 years proven interest in pedigree dogs
 - Attend a “Requirement of a Dog Show Judge” seminar and pass associated exam (either in person or online via Kennel Club Academy)
 - Attend a “Conformation & Movement” seminar hosted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer
 - Complete a minimum of 2 full-day stewarding appointments
 - Pass the Points of a Dog assessment conducted by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer
- 5.2.2 To have 5 years judging experience owning or exhibiting in any Breed and have the support of The Bearded Collie Club of Scotland.
- 5.2.3 To have judged a minimum of 15 Bearded Collie breed classes and 15 classes of another single breed at Open shows or Championship shows without CCs.
NB Stakes and/or groups at any show will not count towards these totals and only one seminar at which the candidate was assessed in accordance with K.C. procedures can be counted.
- 5.2.4 To have judged 40 Bearded Collies in breed classes and 45 dogs of another single Breed in breed classes. Dogs can only be counted from one seminar attended.
- 5.2.5 To be on the judging list of one other Breed Club of a breed other than the Bearded Collie.
- 5.2.6 To have 10 years experience owning and exhibiting in any Breed.
- 5.2.7 To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.

6. DEFINITIONS & REQUIREMENTS – C List

- 6.1 For aspirant judges who have shown an interest in Bearded Collies and have the support of the Bearded Collie Club of Scotland.

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